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Addendum

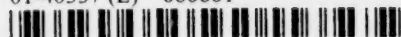
1. The Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 42 and 43 of the draft declaration on cities and other human settlements in the new millennium (see A/S-25/2, chap. VII.C, draft decision 2/1) at its ... meeting, on ... June 2001.
2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

- (a) Paragraph 42 was replaced by the following paragraph:

"We commit ourselves to the goal of gender equality in human settlements development and we resolve to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women as effective ways to combat poverty and to stimulate the development of human settlements that are truly sustainable. We further commit ourselves to formulating and strengthening policies and practices to promote the full and equal participation of women in human settlements planning and decision-making."

- (b) Paragraph 43 was replaced by the following paragraph:

"We also commit ourselves to strengthening existing financial mechanisms and identifying and developing appropriate innovative approaches for financing shelter and human settlements development at all levels. Furthermore, we resolve to continue to undertake legislative and administrative reforms to give women full and equal access to economic resources, including the right to inheritance and the ownership of land and other property, credit, natural resources and appropriate technologies, as well



as ensuring their right to security of tenure and to enter into contractual agreements. We resolve to promote increased and equal access for all people to open, efficient, effective and appropriate housing finance, to support savings mechanisms in the informal sector, where appropriate, and to strengthen regulatory and legal frameworks and financial management capacity at all appropriate levels."
